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MT. VERNON MAN SENTENCED FOR ROLE IN CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on May 10, 2006, **JASON R. MYERS**, age 26 of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. MYERS was sentenced to 292 months imprisonment, was fined \$500, and was placed on 10 years supervised release.

MYERS had previously pleaded guilty to a three-count superseding indictment, charging conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and two counts of distribution of crack cocaine.

This case was prosecuted as part of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF), which targets the largest drug distribution organizations. This investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Illinois State Police, the Joint Narcotics Unit of the Mt. Vernon Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, the Carbondale Police Department, and other state and local law enforcement authorities.

In addition, the Jefferson County States Attorney's Office has assisted throughout the investigation.

The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorneys George Norwood and Amanda Robertson.